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**782. Mr D C Ross (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Why is the maintenance budget of the Limpopo Department of Education low in comparison to the specified department overall infrastructure budget? NW841E

**RESPONSE**

It is accepted that the maintenance budget does appear very low, however, the following has to be taken into account when the information is evaluated:

1. Due to the current state of the infrastructure at the schools in the Province of Limpopo, the maintenance work planned at the schools becomes capital expenditure when buildings need to be demolished and rebuilt, as such, the expenditure is not reflected as maintenance in terms of reporting;
2. The repairs to Storm Damaged Classrooms (R 250 million for current programme of 45 schools) should be classified under unplanned maintenance and have been indicated as repairs and renovations; and
3. Repairs and renovations form a substantial portion of the Departmental budget (R 300 million).